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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION  
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Name of property: N/A  
Address of property: 615 S. Fremont Avenue  
City Baltimore County N/A State MD Zip Code 21230  
Name of historic district in which property is located: Ridgely's Delight

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)  
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)  
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:  
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse.

3. Statement of Significance:  
(use reverse side if necessary)

See Reverse.

Date of construction (if known): c. 1840 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Philip Sigel and Ralph Manus  
Street 315 South Beverly Drive Suite 502  
City Beverly Hills State CA Zip Code 90212  
Telephone number (during day): Area Code (213) 277-7382

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature [Signature] (AGENT) Date 4/10/84Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number P. Sigel [REDACTED] R. Manus [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60) and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State Historic Preservation Officer

PART I #2

615 S. Fremont Avenue (formerly Cove St.) is a brick 2.5 story, interior unit circa 1840. The front facade faces west. The roof, which was asphalt shingles over wood, has completely caved in. The building has also suffered fire damage. These factors made the building unsafe to photograph from the interior. At one time, this building had a 2 story addition on the rear but it is no longer present. It was impossible to tell if the building had a basement and/or the condition of same.

The front facade has a running bond pattern with siders showing. The building has been painted but the paint has worn away.

There are two windows on the second story and loft area and two store-front windows on the first story. The windows on the first story are covered with a metal grate. All of the windows are missing, but some of the sills and lintels are intact. The door is missing.

If the house was consistent with others on the block, plumbing was probably located in the missing rear addition. The party wall between 615 and 617 has been partially removed on the first floor. The remainder of the house cannot be investigated because of its structural problems.

An engineering report documenting these conditions will be forthcoming.

PART I #3

The significance of 615 S. Fremont Avenue as a historic residence lies in the fact that it is an integral part of the Ridgely's Delight historic district. Ridgely's Delight has been certified as eligible for listing in the Federal Historic Register and has already been certified as a municipal historic district.

Originally, the area of Ridgely's Delight sprang up around a Susquehanna Indian trail. Early settlers stamped a path through the area that connected it to the colonies to the north and south.

In 1714, a survey was undertaken for a Mr. John Parrish on a tract of land named Brotherly Love. Col. Charles Ridgely resurveyed Brotherly Love in 1732 and combined it with several other tracts of land. One of the tracts was Howard's Timber Neck, which Ridgely's wife, Rachel, had received as an inheritance from her grandfather, the original patentee (1668). Fremont Avenue was a part of Howard's Timber Neck which was combined with other tracts to form Ridgely's Delight.

615 S. Fremont Avenue is very typical of the federal and Italianate style houses that characterize the neighborhood. Important architectural features of the house are its diminishing window size and the loft area. These features can be found on many of the homes in the Ridgely's district.

This house sits near the western border of the Ridgely district. From Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, the house is very visible. As this is a widely used thoroughfare, by both Baltimoreans and "out-of-towners", the location and condition of this house is important to the entire district.

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615 S. Fremont Ave  
Front Facade  
(Looking East)

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615 S. Fremont Ave  
Block 861 Lot 031  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore West Quad.

